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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Ryo TAKAI et al.

Application No.: 10/073,593

Filed: February 12, 2002

For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS INCLUDING
INTERFEROMETER SYSTEM

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LETTER REQUESTING CONSIDERATION
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Sir:

Applicants have received a Notice of Allowance and a Notice of Allowability dated Friday, February 27, 2004, in the above-identified application. Applicants filed a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (with a statement) on Monday, March 1, 2004, prior to receipt of the Notice of Allowance on March 2, 2004. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner indicate consideration of the material submitted in that Information Disclosure Statement by initialing and returning a copy of the PTO-1449 form attached to that paper. Attached, for the Examiner's convenience, are copies of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, the PTO-1449 form, and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office date stamped postcard receipt indicating the filing of those papers on that date.

Applicants believe that no fees should be incurred in connection with filing this paper. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fees be associated herewith. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for this purpose.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address listed below.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 30, 2002, in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The information enclosed with this information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement. Specifically, the attached Korean Office Action dated January 14, 2004, was cited in a counterpart Korean patent application. A translation of this Office Action will be provided if the Examiner so requires.

Korean patent document number 2000-0070669 corresponds to PCT publication number WO 99/28790, copy also enclosed. A translation of the Korean patent document will be provided if the Examiner so requires.

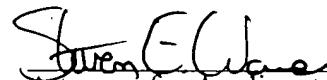
Japanese patent document number 2000-049066 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,285,457, copy also enclosed. The Examiner will note that this patent was cited in the Office Action dated July 16, 2003.

Applicants request that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

No fee is believed to be due with the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205 should any fee be deemed necessary for filing this paper.

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		2000-0070669	11/25/2000	Korea			No
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